

# House File 480 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO SF 253 BY HOGG)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility for state child care assistance.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* The child needs crisis child care which  
4 is provided on a temporary basis to the child, for a continuous  
5 period not to exceed thirty days, when there is reason to  
6 believe that the child's welfare has been affected by domestic  
7 abuse in the child's home.

8 Sec. 2. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — CHILD  
9 CARE ASSISTANCE. The department of human services shall adopt  
10 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to provide eligibility for state  
11 child care assistance, according to family size for children  
12 needing basic care, to a child that needs crisis child care  
13 provided on a temporary basis to the child, for a continuous  
14 period not to exceed thirty days, when there is reason to  
15 believe that the child's welfare has been affected by domestic  
16 abuse in the child's home.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to state child care assistance.

21 The state child care assistance program is administered  
22 by the department of human services (DHS). DHS provides  
23 state child care assistance to families who meet eligibility  
24 guidelines under any of the following circumstances: the  
25 child's parent, guardian, or custodian is participating in  
26 approved academic, vocational, or technical training; the  
27 child's parent, guardian, or custodian is seeking employment;  
28 the child's parent, guardian, or custodian is employed and  
29 the family income meets income requirements; the child's  
30 parent, guardian, or custodian is absent for a limited period  
31 of time due to hospitalization, physical illness, or mental  
32 illness, or is present but is unable to care for the child  
33 for a limited period as verified by a physician; or the child  
34 needs protective services to prevent or alleviate child abuse  
35 or neglect. The bill expands these circumstances to include

1 a child who needs crisis child care which is provided on a  
2 temporary basis, for a period not to exceed 30 days, when there  
3 is reason to believe that the child's welfare has been affected  
4 by domestic abuse in the child's home.

5 The bill directs DHS to amend its administrative rules  
6 related to state child care assistance to include such  
7 children.